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SUBJECT: CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OF CALIFORNIA

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 11 FROM JOEL KREINER ATTORNEY AT LAW, 5930 FRANKLIN AVENUE, HOLLYWOOD WHO IN BEHALF OF HIS CLIENT THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY AND "PURSUANT TO TITLE 5 U.S.C. 552 (A) AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE" MAKES FORMAL REQUEST THAT ALL INFORMATION AND RECORDS CONTAINED IN EMBASSY FILES, AS WELL AS THOSE IN FILES OF LIVERPOOL CONSULATE, "BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE".

2. REQUEST INDICATES THAT SUCH RECORDS MAY BE INDEXED
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"UNDER FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: SCIENTOLOGY, CHURCH OF

SCIENTOLOGY, L. RON HUBBARD, AS THE FOUND OF SCIENTOLOGY, APOLLO, ROYAL SCOTSMAN, AVON RIVER, DIANA AND ENCHANTER". KREINER NOTES THAT LAST FIVE CATEGORIES "REFER TO CHURCH-OWNED MARINE VESSELS WHICH HAVE ON OCCASION BEEN USED AS TRAINING SITES FOR MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH".

3. KREINER CITES "TITLE 22, SECTION 6.9 WHICH CONTAINS STATE DEPARTMENT'S REGULATIONS CONCERNING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION" WHICH TO HIS UNDERSTANDING "RECORDS OF U.S. EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES ABROAD MAY BE THE SUBJECT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS".

4. WHILE HE RECOGNIZES THAT IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO PRODUCE RECORDS, AND A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SEARCH MAY BE REQUIRED, HIS CLIENT IS WILLING TO PAY ANY COSTS INVOLVED. KREINER STATES THAT ONCE RECORDS ARE READY HE "WILL ARRANGE TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHURCH VISIT EMBASSY TO CARRY OUT THE INSPECTION".

5. EMBASSY HAS RATHER VOLUMINOUS FILE, LARGELY CLASSIFIED, DATING BACK TO 1968 ON THIS ORGANIZATION AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS ON PROPER RESPONSE TO KREINER'S REQUEST.

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